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SUBJECT: MAURITIUS WEEKLY REVIEW - APRIL 15 (SUMMARY)

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1. SEYCHELLES PRIME MINISTER ALBERT RENE MADE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO MAURITIUS APRIL 11 TO 15. MANY SENIOR MINISTERS, INCLUDING PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM, WERE ABROAD DURING MOST OF THE VISIT, LEAVING FINANCE MINISTER RINGADOO TO ACT AS HOST AND LEAD THE TALKS, WHICH CONCERNED MAINLY THE LAW OF THE SEA, DELIMITING THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, EXPLOITATION OF FISHERIES, CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. RENE ALSO HAD A GOOD DEAL OF CONTACT WITH PAUL BERENGER AND OTHER LEADERS OF THE MAURITIAN MILITANT MOVEMENT (MMM), WITH WHOM HE IS CONSIDERED TO BE IDEOLOGICALLY ALIGNED.

2. THERE WAS LITTLE PUBLIC CAMPAIGNING FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 24. LABOR AND THE PMSD ARE
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MOUNTING A LATE CAMPAIGN TO GET OUT THE VOTE, AS THEY FEAR APATHY WILL PLAY INTO THE HANDS OF THE MMM. IN TWO SIGNED ARTICLES BERENGER DENIED THERE HAS BEEN A LEFTWARD SHIFT IN THE MMM AND EXPLAINED THE RECENT MORE MODERATE AND REASSURING TONE THE PARTY HAS DISPLAYED AS A TACTICAL MOVE INFLUENCED BY ITS IMMINENT COMING TO POWER. HE ALSO RESPONDED TO THE CHARGE THAT THE MMM "TAKES OFFENSE" WHENEVER THE SOVIET UNION IS

CRITICIZED. BERENGER RULED OUT A NEAR-TERM COALITION WITH THE LABOR PARTY, WHICH HE CHARGED HAS VEERED TO THE RIGHT AND BECOME A DEFENDER OF THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM, BUT HE DID NOT RULE OUT EVENTUAL COLLABORATION WITH LABOR.

3. THE LABOR PARTY CONGRESS HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL MAY 29, MOST PROBABLY TO AVOID AN INTERNECINE STRUGGLE OVER THE FUTURE LEADERSHIP AND POLICIES OF THE PARTY JUST PRIOR TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE HAS HIRED A FRENCH PUBLIC OPINION FIRM TO MAKE A "SOCIO-ECONOMIC SURVEY" OF MAURITIUS, WHICH WILL BE READY IN JUNE. FINANCED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR, ITS ANNOUNCED AIM IS TO ASSIST THAT SECTOR IN SETTING ITS PRIORITIES. DOCKWORKER ABSENTEEISM HAS FALLEN TO A NEGLIGIBLE LEVEL, WHICH HAS ALLOWED THE PORT TO RESUME A NEARLY NORMAL LEVEL OF OPERATIONS, WITH MUCH REDUCED SHIP WAITING TIMES.
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